



Do you remember your first day at secondary school? How did you feel? Nervous? Butterflies in your stomach? Or desperate to go to 'big school'? I can remember the nerves I felt like it was yesterday (although I am aware it was some time ago, now!), so, know how the current Year 6s might be feeling about September. I can also remember how these nerves soon dissipated once I started secondary school, helped by supportive, friendly staff, just like the ones we have here.

Thursday 21 June saw our Induction Evening for our Year 7 pupils joining us in September. There were a few nervous faces, mainly from the parents, and lots and lots of excited smiles. The evening started with Solomon Berhane, our new Principal, delivering a talk to the parents and pupils about the ethos of the school, the support we offer all our pupils and the importance of the support of parents during their child's five-year journey at St Catherine's College. Parents and pupils were then introduced to their Head of Year, Natasha Haggart, and their tutors for the next five years, who spoke about the expectations of the school.

There was a lovely buzz throughout the evening, with pupils trying on and ordering their new uniform and asking questions of their tutors, Head of Year and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

The transition from primary school to secondary school might be a daunting one but we are all here to make the transition as easy as possible.

Mr Berhane told Year 6 parents to talk to us if there is an issue. This applies to ALL pupils and parents at St Catherine's College. Our mission statement, 'God's children at the heart of everything we do', means just that; your children are of the upmost value and importance to us so please don't hesitate to contact us if you need to.

Susan Williams, Director - Learning & Innovation

EARLY CLOSURE - WEDNESDAY 4 JULY 2018

Please note that pupils will finish at the earlier time of 1.45pm on Wednesday 4 July to allow for staff training and 2018/19 Development Planning.

SPORTS DAY 2018



All pupils will be participating in Sports Day at Eastbourne Sports Park, Cross Levels Way, on Friday 6 July. Pupils must arrive at the Sports Park by 8.40am, in full PE kit. Please ensure your child is equipped for a hot, sunny day, with plenty of fluids, a sun hat and sun cream. The Café will be providing food and drink (cash only) but pupils can bring their own if they prefer. Pupils are not permitted to bring paints and glitters but face painting is available at one of the charity stalls. Parents/carers are welcome to watch but must sign in and stay within the parent area.

In the event of bad weather, Sports Day will be cancelled and school will run as normal. (A text message will be sent to parents if this happens.) To ensure a smooth collection at the end of day, there will be a staggered finish: Year 7/8 at 3.00pm and Years 9/10 at 3.10pm. When collecting your child, please be aware that parking is very limited at the Sports Park so it may be easier to arrange to meet your child at another area such as Sainsbury's or David Lloyd.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

- 2 Y6 Familiarisation Day (selected pupils)
- 3 Y6 Taster Day (all new pupils)
- 4 Staff Training; Early Closure at 1.45pm
- 5 Y11 Prom
- 6 St Catherine's Sports Day
- 9 Visit from No.4 Middle School, Shanghai
- 9-13 Y8 Bushcraft Residential Trip
- 12 Performing Arts Evening 6.30pm-8.30pm
- 16 Non-uniform Day
- 17 Uniform for Sale at College 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- 20 Last Day of Term 6

August

- 23 Exam Results: Y11 - 10.00am until 11.00am
Y10 - 11.00am until 12.00 noon

September

- 3 INSET Day
- 4 INSET Day
- 5 First day of Term 1 for pupils

UTC@HARBOURSIDE DISCOVERY DAY

UTC@harbourside is a college for 14 to 18 year olds interested in Science, Maths, Computing and Technology and is based in Newhaven, East Sussex.

On Wednesday 4 July they will be holding a Year 10 Discovery Day. This exciting event will enable pupils to get a flavour of the different courses on offer and a taste of sixth form activities. The day will start at 8.45am.

Activity options include Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Applied Medical Science, Computer Science/IT, Electronics, Product Design, Maths, Engineering (Double option), Electrical Installation, and Plumbing and Heating.

If you are interested, please apply on Eventbrite: UTC@harbourside Discovery Day.

WELL DONE, KAI!

A huge well done to Year 11 pupil, Kai, who recently completed the Achiever Program at Sussex Downs College which he has attended since September 2018. Mr Lau was delighted to attend the graduation ceremony last week. Kai's tutor said: "A stand out moment for Kai was completing the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and acting as a positive role model for the rest of his group. It was fantastic to see Kai step out of his comfort zone and be an inspirational positive force for the group. Kai has been particularly brilliant in our cookery classes, always using safe techniques and trying new adventurous recipes."



PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE 2018

A report from Mr Woozley:

Join us on the evening of Thursday 12 July to celebrate the Performing Arts. Pupils from our Music, Dance and Drama Departments will take to the stage, and there will be an Art and Photography Exhibition to view. Tickets are available from school reception, priced £3.00 or £2.00 for concessions. Be quick, last year's event was a sell-out!

BLUETOOTH AND PLUG-IN SPEAKERS

Pupils may use their mobile phones outside the College building to listen to music. However, some have recently been using speakers and the music has been too loud, disturbing people in and out of school. We have requested that pupils do not use external speakers when listening to music. Speakers used will be confiscated and parents will be asked to collect them.

HERB GARDEN

Pupils have enjoyed growing and picking herbs in our very own herb garden. Not only are they learning about nature and gardening, they are also using the herbs to cook lovely recipes in their Food Technology lessons.

